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WE CELEBRATE OUR JUBILIANS

At the Province Center on May 19th we celebrated the jubilees of Sisters Laurence Montgomery and Stephanie Nolan, Jeanne Brennan and Anne Duggan, Sandy Wardell, Anne Walsh, Martha Gleason and Jane Finnerty. Jubilarians Alice Gallin and Peggy Kelleher were unable to be present. In this issue of *Bylines* we present five of the Jubilarians, and five will be in the fall issue.



Sisters Alice Gallin and Peggy Kelleher

Sr. Laurence Montgomery

Ann, the daughter of Margaret and Leo Montgomery, was born in Wilmington, DE, and attended Ursuline Academy there. After high school and a short time at the University of Delaware, she entered the Ursulines. As Sr. Mary Laurence, she completed her BA at The College of New Rochelle, received her master's degree in education, and began a teaching career of 45 years in the elementary schools of St. Jerome's in the Bronx, St. Joseph's in Middletown, NY, and Ursuline Academy in her home town. A growing concern for migrants and the poor led Sr. Laurence to study Spanish for two summers in Puerto Rico and spend five summers in Mexico. In

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the summer months in the Delaware and Maryland migrant camps, 'Madre Lorenzo' taught English and religion. Subsequently, she worked at Casa San Francisco in Milton, DE, a crisis center for the rural poor and for migrant workers. Her present residence is at Andrus in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY.

Standing in Ursuline Academy Auditorium, young Ann Montgomery displays a page of the Gutenberg Bible from her father's collection of rare books.



Sr. Stephanie Nolan A New Yorker born and bred, the younger daughter of Mary and Raymond Nolan, Sr. Stephanie first met the Ursulines at Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School in the Bronx where she attended grades 1 through 10. She finished high school at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula and was drawn to join the Ursulines in the year after her graduation. Having completed her BA in English at The College of New Rochelle, she began her ministry of education, on elementary and secondary levels, as teacher or principal in Ursuline schools from Malone, NY, to Bethesda, MD. All the while, she continued her own studies in English and theology.

Beginning in 1974, the locus of her ministry became parishes rather than schools, chiefly in Westchester, with an emphasis on catechetics, preparation for the sacraments, and spiritual development. A woman of prayer and compassion, Sr. Stephanie spent her last years of formal pastoral ministry to the Ursuline sisters then cared for at the Marian Residence. Now a member of the Community at 1338 North Avenue in New Rochelle, she summarizes the present, "*I am standing on the threshold of eternity and am grateful for everything.*"

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Sr. Jeanne Brennan The elder daughter of Ruth and John Brennan, Mary Louise was born in Stamford, CT. After attending Sacred Heart Academy in Stamford and The College of New Rochelle, she entered the Ursuline Novitiate and took the name of Jeanne. During her teaching career, Sr. Jeanne taught English and math, religion and Latin at Blessed Sacrament School in New Rochelle, Ursuline Academy on the Grand Concourse and the Academy of Mount St. Ursula in the Bronx. After 16 years of teaching, she was appointed Novice Director at the Ursuline Novitiate in Beacon, NY, and following this, became the Superior at St. Teresa's Convent in New Rochelle. Upon completion of these two

assignments, Sr. Jeanne studied counseling and spirituality, becoming part of a team giving focusing retreats and days of recollection. With this specialized ministry, she served as a part-time counselor at The College of New Rochelle, and for a time was a member of the Sisters Council of the Archdiocese of New York. Over these many years, in various life-giving works, Sr. Jeanne has influenced the lives of many people. She resides at Andrus.



CNR Board of Trustees Dinner Dance - Plaza Hotel 1988. L to R: standing, Srs. Sheila Campbell, Mildred Hapt, Alice Gallin; seated Srs. Jeanne Brennan, Celestine Costello, Joan McIver, Regina Kehoe.

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Sister Ann in Togo c. 1979.

Sr. Ann Duggan was born in Orange, NJ, to Irish immigrant parents, Anna and Cornelius Duggan. She attended St. Angela Merici School in the Bronx and Ursuline Academy High School on the Grand Concourse. Following a year at Hunter College, she joined the Ursulines. As Mother Cornelius, she graduated from The College of New Rochelle having majored in French, a choice that would have life-changing consequences. Her first ministry was in education at Ursuline schools from the Bronx to Malone, NY. In 1971, she was called to the Ursuline Generalate in Rome, to serve as secretary and translator. Here her expertise in French was put to frequent use. A short assignment as Secretary to the Papal Nuncio in Copenhagen, Denmark, was the springboard to a 25-year ministry with Catholic Relief Services. In 1979 Sr. Ann joined CRS as Assistant to the

Regional Director in Togo, Africa, for a variety of projects. But the Aids epidemic was spreading, and in 1992, Sr. Ann became the worldwide AIDS Response Coordinator for CRS, until 2003, when she returned to the Eastern Province, serving her community in the Bronx and then New Rochelle. Presently, Sr. Ann lives at Andrus.



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Sr. Alice Gallin One of five children of Alice and William Gallin, Alice was born in New York City. The family's move to Westchester enabled Alice to attend The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, where upon graduation from The College of New Rochelle, she became its first full-time lay teacher. This post was followed by a job at the Pentagon in Washington during WWII. At war's end she entered the Ursulines. As Mother Mary Alice, she continued her studies in modern European history, received an MA from Fordham, and a PhD from Catholic University in Washington, DC.

Over time Sr. Alice wore many hats, almost all related to higher education. At CNR she taught history and Christian Tradition and Culture (CTC), a junior year requirement. She was Dean of Students during the '60s, a time of academia's and society's political unrest. The times influenced Sr. Alice's commitments. She was a committee

member of several organizations seeking social justice, a board member of numerous Catholic Colleges and Universities, served for 12 years as Executive Director of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) in Washington, was the recipient of 21 Honorary Doctorates, and just when she had hoped to resume her writing, she was asked to become Interim President of St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY, a request she accepted. This listing is not exhaustive and hardly showcases the warm, obliging, outgoing, intellectual that Sr. Alice is. She is a resident at Andrus.



Mothers St. George and Mary Alice boarding El Al plane for summer study and research in Europe, 1961.